



# HAZARDOUS WASTE?

## DON'T SEND IT TO THE LANDFILL!

## BRING IT TO US AT THE HWCC.



Alachua County HazWaste.us  
**352 – 334 – 0440**

# INNOVATIVE DISPOSAL PROGRAMS



All hazardous waste collected by the County is properly managed and disposed of by specialized contractors.

The vast majority of collected waste is recycled (such as latex paint, oil, e-scrap and batteries). The waste that cannot be recycled is either neutralized or sent to a hazardous waste incinerator for proper disposal.

## Home Heating Oil Recovery Program

Property owners that have an old underground or aboveground heating oil tank that are no longer in use, and still contain old fuel, are eligible to have the fuel pumped and disposed in an environmentally safe manner. This is a free service to county homeowners.



## Boat Fuel Tank Pump Out Service

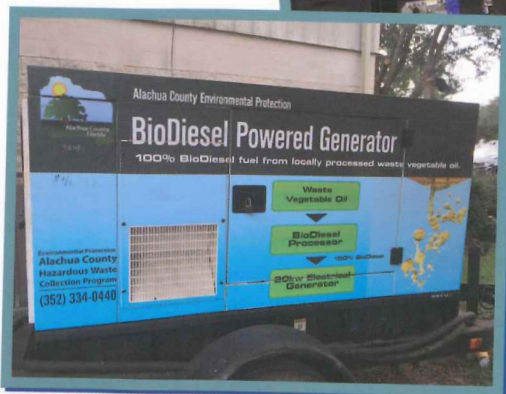
Boat owners with stale or contaminated fuel in their tanks can trailer their boat to the HWCC during normal hours of operation to have their fuel pumped out free of charge.

## Unwanted Medicines

Alachua County residents can bring in their unwanted/expired prescription or over-the-counter medication for proper disposal free of charge. Please NEVER dispose of unwanted medicines down the toilet or down the drain. Wastewater treatment systems are not designed to remove these compounds and they can pose a threat to human health and the environment. Medicines brought to the HWCC are dissolved on-site and rendered irrecoverable.

## Waste Vegetable Oil (WVO) Recycling Program

Waste vegetable oil turned in by county residents gets transformed on-site into biodiesel - a resource which generates power for the HWCC. This process decreases costs of fossil fuels and water treatment and in turn increases the sustainability of Alachua County.



Call 352-334-0440 for  
current disposal locations.

# WE PROCESS OVER 400 TONS OF HAZARDOUS WASTE EACH YEAR!

# RECYCLE YOUR OLD ELECTRONICS!

E-scrap is unwanted electronic products and equipment including computers, cell phones, televisions and other consumer electronics.

## Why is e-scrap a concern?

New advances in technology are happening rapidly and consumers are constantly upgrading to new equipment and discarding old products.

Hazardous materials associated with e-scrap include a variety of heavy metals and other substances known to pose hazards to human and environmental health when disposed of improperly. For example, computer and television monitors containing cathode ray tubes contain high amounts of lead. Other potentially hazardous materials include cadmium, mercury, antimony and arsenic.

E-scrap also contains materials that should be recovered and recycled. The e-scrap received from both residents and businesses is collected and prepared for pick-up by the County's recyclers. Their state-of-the-art recycling equipment shreds and separates electronics into their original materials of plastics, steel, aluminum, precious metals from the motherboards, and glass from the monitors. These materials are made into other products. The secure, environmentally friendly methods are free for residents and only a small fee for businesses.

## Is there a fee?

### Residents:

- The Hazardous Waste Collection Center offers FREE e-scrap recycling for residents.

### Small Business or Nonprofit Organizations:

To help offset the cost associated with the proper end-of-life management of electronics, there is a small disposal fee for businesses:

- LCD/LED TVs or Monitors - Call for current pricing.
- Cathode-ray tube TVs (CRT TVs). - Call for current pricing.
- Most other electronics - FREE!
- Cash, check or credit card accepted.
- Proper identification for your business (such as a business card) will need to be provided.
- Please contact us at (352) 334-0440 prior to drop off to discuss program availability for your business and to determine the fee for waste disposal.
- The County reserves the right to refer your business to a private state-certified e-waste demanufacturer.

## What type of e-scrap is accepted?

- Cellular Phones
- Computer Desktop Towers
- Computer Monitors
- Computer Peripherals (keyboard, mouse, etc.)
- Computer Printers and Scanners
- Game Systems
- Laptop Computers
- Microwaves
- Power Tools
- Stereo Components
- Tape Recorders
- Telephones
- Televisions
- VCR/DVD Players

Businesses must comply with federal, state and local hazardous waste rules and regulations.

Ensure that your business avoids penalties by properly managing and disposing of wastes at the HWCC or other approved disposal facilities.

## The following small businesses are required to comply:

- Auto Repair Shops
- Chiropractors
- Construction Companies
- Dental Offices
- Dry Cleaners
- Laboratories
- Maintenance Companies
- Paint and Auto Body Shops
- Painters
- Printers
- Silk Screen Printers
- Veterinarians

## Small businesses must properly dispose of the following hazardous and regulated wastes:

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| • Aerosol Cans                       | • Gasoline                 |
| • Antifreeze                         | • Lab Chemicals            |
| • Automotive, Rechargeable Batteries | • Light Ballasts           |
| • Contaminated Soil/Rags             | • Oil Filters              |
| • Electronics (e-scrap)              | • Paint                    |
| • Fertilizers                        | • Paint Thinner Waste      |
| • Flammable Liquids                  | • Pesticides               |
| • Fluorescent Lamps                  | • Photographic Waste       |
|                                      | • Shop Rags and Absorbents |
|                                      | • Used Oil                 |

The Collection Center offers FEE based disposal programs. Please contact us prior to drop off to discuss program availability for your business and to determine the fee for waste disposal.

# 352-334-0440



## WHAT NOT TO BRING TO OUR COLLECTION CENTERS

Our centers process over 400 TONS of corrosive, toxic, ignitable and/or reactive hazardous waste items yearly. But there are some things even we can't accept, such as:

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| • Bio-hazardous wastes: Red bag wastes, lab cultures, vaccines, discarded medicines, blood coated clothing or cotton balls, medical tubing or catheters.   | • Radioactive devices (including smoke detectors): The Nuclear Regulatory Commission considers domestic smoke detectors below regulatory concern and recommends disposal in regular household trash or mail back to manufacturer. Check back of the detector for company name and address. |
| • Uncontained or Improperly Contained SHARPS, needles or syringes: You may use a sealed/lidded hard sided plastic to store these materials in and transport them to our facility (e.g. kitty litter bin, milk jug, or laundry detergent bottle). | • Asbestos (call Levy County Solid Waste (352) 486-3300).  |
| • Solid waste, recyclables, treated wood, or appliances with refrigerant or coolant inside. You will be redirected to the County Transfer Station.   | • Controlled Substances  |
|  | • Styrofoam  |

# ABOUT THE HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CENTER (HWCC)

Unwanted household chemicals, automotive fluids, pharmaceuticals, and various hazardous materials, substances or products can be toxic to the public and pose a threat to the environment if improperly discarded or placed in the trash.

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The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department provides a free countywide service for the proper management of hazardous and toxic materials and waste for Alachua County residents. The vast majority of waste is recycled. The waste that cannot be recycled is either neutralized or sent to a hazardous waste incinerator for proper disposal.

Thank you for keeping Alachua County clean and healthy by bringing the following hazardous wastes to the HWCC to be properly disposed:

- Poisons and Pesticides
- Paint thinners
- Radiator fluid
- Used oil/lubricants
- Oil filters
- Pool chemicals
- Solvents
- Insecticides
- Gasoline/fuels
- Fluorescent lamps & CFLs
- Electronics
- Sharps (syringes, needles and lancets)
- Thermostats and thermometers
- Used cooking oil
- Computers
- TVs
- Paints
- Batteries, all types
- Fertilizers
- Household cleaners
- Corrosives
- Propane tanks
- Pharmaceuticals
- Aerosol cans
- Roof tar
- Brake and transmission fluids
- Flares and ammunition
- Microwaves



For more information or to inquire about the proper disposal and storage of items not listed, please call (352) 334-0440 or visit [AlachuaCountyHazWaste.us](http://AlachuaCountyHazWaste.us).

# COLLECTION CENTER LOCATIONS

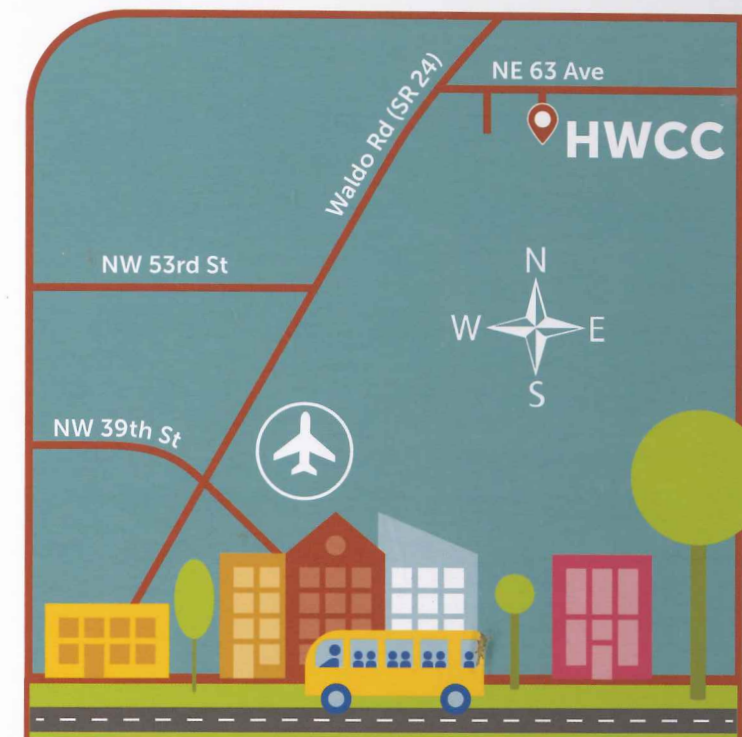
## Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HWCC)

5125 NE 63rd Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32609  
(352) 334-0440  
[AlachuaCountyHazWaste.us](http://AlachuaCountyHazWaste.us)

### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday  
7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday  
8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Closed Sundays and holidays



The Rural Collection Centers accept hazardous waste from Alachua County residents only. Limited types and amounts of hazardous waste are accepted at these locations.

### Alachua County Rural Collection Centers

**North Central Solid Waste Collection Center**  
10714 N State Rd 121  
Gainesville, FL 32653  
(352) 334-3875

**Alachua – High Springs Solid Waste Collection Center**  
16929 NW US HWY 441  
High Springs, FL 32643  
(386) 454-2563

**Southwest Landfill Collection Center**  
19401 SW Archer Rd  
Archer, FL 32618  
(352) 495-3257

*(The following locations do not accept business or commercial-use only waste.)*

**Phifer Solid Waste Collection Center**  
11700 SW Hawthorne Rd  
Hawthorne, FL 32640  
(352) 334-3874

**Fairbanks Solid Waste Collection Center**  
9920 NE Waldo Rd  
Gainesville, FL 32609  
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Some local businesses, such as home improvement stores, accept household hazardous waste for recycling (ex: CFLs, batteries, etc.). Call (352) 334-0440 or visit [AlachuaCountyHazWaste.us](http://AlachuaCountyHazWaste.us) for more information.

### Helpful Links

#### Earth911.com

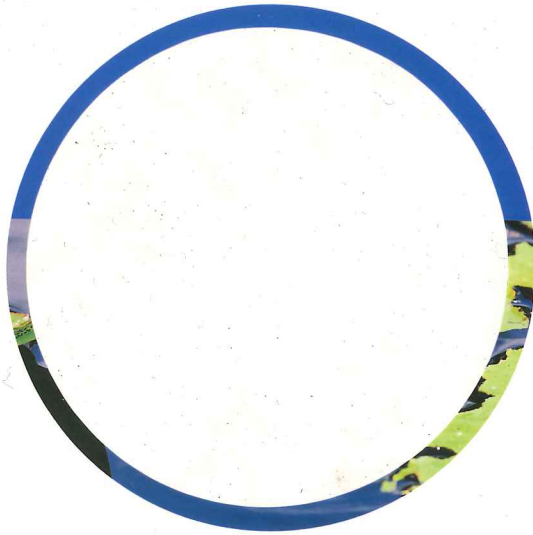
Recycling locations, news and other helpful information.

#### call2recycle.org

Information and location finder for consumer battery stewardship program.

#### Productstewardship.us

Non-profit committed to reducing the health, safety and environmental impacts of consumer products.



The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department offers a safe and environmentally responsible service for the disposal of unwanted medication free of charge to Alachua County residents.

Unwanted medicines can be dropped off for proper disposal at the Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HWCC) and at specific alternate County locations. Call (352) 334-0440 for disposal locations, directions and more information on this free program.

Alachua County's service accepts prescription and over-the-counter medications (including pills, gel caps, capsules or liquids) that are unwanted, expired, damaged or unusable for their intended purposes.

# NEVER FLUSH IT



**NARCOTICS OR  
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES  
ARE **NOT** ACCEPTED DUE TO  
FEDERAL REGULATIONS.**

#### Environmental Concerns About Improper Disposal of Unwanted Medicines:

- It is advised to **NEVER** flush medication down sinks, drains or toilets.
- Disposing of medicine into your trash can result in accidental poisoning to children and pets and the potential of diversion or theft of medicine prescribed to you.
- Disposing of unwanted pharmaceuticals and medicine in domestic sewage systems is causing scientific and national concerns due to the potential threat to aquatic life and human health from exposure to surface and groundwaters which receive discharges from domestic sewage treatment systems.
- Current sewage treatment systems are ineffective in removing low levels of pharmaceuticals in the treated waste stream.

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on this free program.

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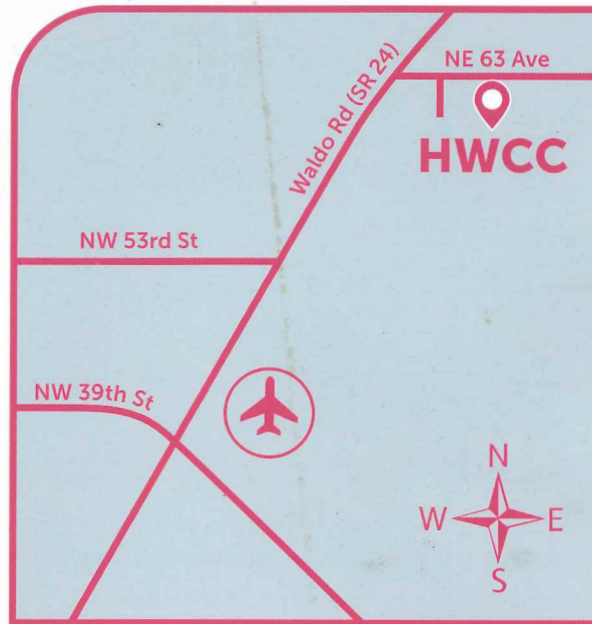
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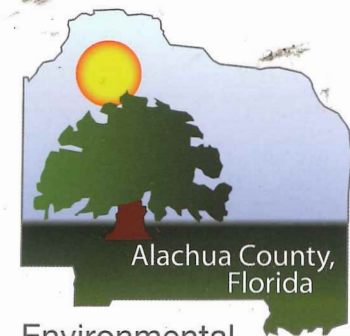
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# SAFELY DISPOSE OF UNWANTED DRUGS



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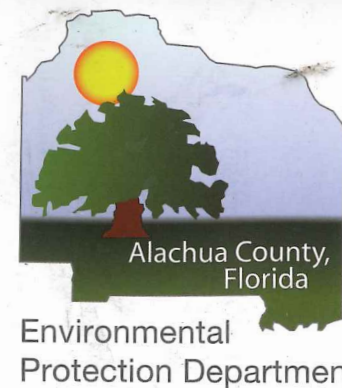
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## ALACHUA COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CENTER

# DON'T SPOIL OUR WATERS



## PROPERLY DISPOSE OF FATS, OILS & GREASES

# WHAT ARE FOGs?

FOG stands for Fats, Oils and Grease. Waste fats, oils and grease (FOGs) come from food products such as meats, butter or margarine, lard and cooking oils, food scraps, mayonnaise, gravy, salad dressing, etc.



## WHY ARE FOGs AN ISSUE?

FOGs and water don't mix! When waste fats, oils and greases are poured down drains or garbage disposals, they can solidify and form thick grease balls that build up in our pipes and sewer systems. This can cause raw sewage spills as well as sewage backups in your sinks, toilets, and even your neighbors' homes. These backups can be very costly and can affect the health of our environment.



## WHAT DO I DO WITH MY FOGs? CAN IT, COOL IT, TOSS IT!

- Mixed oils, animal-derived fats, or leftover food solids should be placed in a container such as an empty jar or coffee can.
- Once the materials have cooled and solidified and the container is full; secure the lid and place it in the trash. Do NOT pour it down your drain or garbage disposal.
- Please wipe greasy pans with a paper towel prior to washing. Do NOT use hot water to rinse grease off cookware down the drain.
- If you have waste vegetable oil (WVO) that has not been mixed with animal fats, these can be recycled at the Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HWCC). The HWCC turns WVO (olive oil, canola oil, etc.) into biodiesel which helps the environment and helps you, too!

**TIP:** Keep drains clean by pouring ½ cup of baking soda down the drain followed by ½ cup of white vinegar. Wait 10-15 minutes, then rinse with warm water.

## WHAT DO I DO WITH MY WVO? CAN IT, COOL IT, BRING IT!

- Please place used liquid vegetable oil in a metal or plastic container with a tight-fitting lid. Be sure to let the oil cool down for a few minutes before filling the container, as filling any container while the oil is still hot could cause the container to crack or split.
- Make sure the oil is not mixed with other fluids (water, petroleum products, soaps, etc.).
- Please make sure to label your container, "**waste vegetable/cooking oil**" in order to let the hazardous waste attendants know what is inside.
- Drop off the WVO container at one of the locations listed on the back of this brochure.

## THE HWCC TURNS WVO INTO BIODIESEL FUEL!

Waste Vegetable Oil is recycled in a different way than plastic, glass, metal, or cardboard. At the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, we produce biodiesel from your leftover oil which:

- Lessens how much petroleum-derived fuel County vehicles and generators run on.
- Reduces Alachua County's carbon footprint.
- Provides households a waste-free alternative for a product that usually gets thrown away.
- Encourages sustainability and resourcefulness among residents.

